## Let's Be Safer Out There

i-SAFE is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth to safely and responsibly take control of their Internet experience. We provide awareness and knowledge that enables students to recognize and avoid dangerous, destructive, inappropriate or unlawful online behavior and to respond appropriately.

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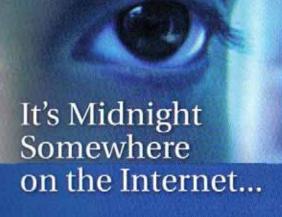
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Do You Know Where Your Children Are?



## Kids and Teens Travel the Internet Alone

While the Internet has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information, this free flow of data comes at a price. Our kids and teens exchange information freely with adults and may be exposed to websites that are harmful – all with little or no adult supervision. In the physical world our children are often chaperoned. On the Internet, they travel alone.

#### **Consider These Facts**

- The Simon Wiesenthal Center identified some 3,000 "problematic" websites that promote violence and racism.\*
- 1 in 4 children/teens, ages 10 to 17
   have been exposed to unwanted sexual material online.\*\*
- 1 in 5 children/teens under the age of 17 have received unwanted sexual solicitations online.\*\*
- 6% of children/teens ages 10 to 17 are threatened or harassed online and only about half reported the incident to their parents.\*\*
  - \* BBC News.com, Hate Flourishes on Net, July 2002. From the Simon Wiesenthal Center's "Digital Hate 2002" report.
  - Online Victimization: A report on the Nation's Youth, Crimes Against Children Research Center, June 2000, NCMEC.



# Kids and Teens Can Take Control

i-SAFE is a non-profit organization that is equipping kids and teens with the skills and critical thinking they need to act safely and responsibly on the Internet, by making their own best-informed decisions.

#### **Net Citizens Need Net Skills**

"The Children of today will be Net citizens for the rest of their lives. They need to be taught the skills to cope in the virtual world just as they are taught skills to cope in the physical world."

(Judith F. Krug, Director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom)

#### The i-SAFE Mission

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## i-SAFE Empowers Students

Our goal is to educate every student in grades K-12 with curriculum that is designed to:

- Empower students to recognize techniques used by predators to deceive them
- Empower students to refuse requests for personal information
- Provide students with the tools they need to respond assertively
- Encourage students to report suspicious or dangerous contact

### i-SAFE Informs Communities

i-SAFE is also extending the knowledge of Internet safety into the community in order to:

- Educate parents about how to protect their children from online dangers
- Increase Internet safety awareness through Community Outreach events such as assemblies, sports activities, and concerts
- Encourage Youth Empowerment so kids and teens spread the message of Internet safety among their peers, families, and the community

### Contact i-SAFE

To implement the **i-SAFE** program in your community, please call (760) 603-7911, or send an email to info@isafe.org.

Together we can help kids and teens become safer and more responsible Cyber Citizens.